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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS
REF: STATE 085109

1, IN ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY OF FONMIN, MINSTATE FONAFFS AND
FONMIN UNDER SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR SAW ACTING UNDER SECRETARY
AMIN MOHAMED AL-AMIN APRIL 14 TO DELIVER COPY SECRETARY'S
APRIL 8 SPEECH. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH
TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION LOS NEGOTIATIONS THIS YEAR. WORLD
COMMUNITY CURRENTLY HAD OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTIONALIZE RULE OF LAW
OVER 70 PERCENT OF EARTH'S SURFACE AND IT WOULD BE CALAMITY IF SUCH
OPPORTUNITY WERE MISSED. SECRETARY HAD ACCORDINGLY MADE
NUMBER SIGNIFICANT PROPOSALS TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES
WHICH WE HOPED WOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY BY ALL STATES
REPRESENTED. AMIN AGREED FAILURE WOULD BE UN-
FORTUNATE BUT SAID HE DOUBTED LOS NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE
WOUND UP THIS YEAR. HE INDICATED THAT SECRETARY'S PRESENTA-
TION WOULD BE STUDIED IN CONNECTION REPORTS FROM SUDANESE
LOS DELEGATION, BUT NOED SUDANESE EXPERTS ON SUBJECT ARE NOW IN
NEW YORK.

2, RE ISSUE OF WHETHER ECONOMIC ZONE IS PART OF THE HIGH
SEAS, AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SUDAN HAD TAKEN POSITION
OPPOSING THIS CONCEPT (USUN 1518). THIS WAS PUZZLING IN LIGHT
LONGSTANDING VIEW OF MANY NATIONS THAT WATERS FALLING
OUTSIDE TERRITORIAL WATERS REPRESENT HIGH SEAS. AMIN COMMENTED
SOMEWHAT IRRELEVANTLY THAT SUDAN WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED
IN ONE CANAL (PRESUMABLY SUEZ) AND GOS ATTITUDE SHOULD THEREFORE
NOT BE TOO SUPRISING IN LIGHT WHAT HAD BEEN DONE IN PANAMA.

3, COMMENT. AMIN SEEMED GENERALLY UNSYMPATHETIC TO OUR
APPROACH THOUGH HE AVOIDED DISCUSSING DETAILS, HE IS NEITHER
KNOWLEDGEABLE ON SUBJECT NOR ASSIGNED TO PERMANENT LINE JOB
IN MINISTRY BUT WAS ONLY SENIOR OFFICIAL AVAILABLE TO WHOM SPEECH

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